



**Town of Camden
Select Board Meeting
April 29, 2014 – 6:30 PM**

PRESENT: Chairperson Martin Cates, John French, Jr., James Heard, Leonard Lookner, Don White, and Town Manager Finnigan. Also present were members of the press and public.

A. Call to Order

B. Communications, Presentations, and Recognitions

Consideration of a request to transfer the Daysailer license for the “Surprise” from Jack and Barbara Moore to Ramiro and Nicole De Acevedo Ramos

Captain Jack Moore told the Board that he and his wife Barbara had sold the schooner “Surprise” to Ramiro and Nicole DeAcevedo Ramos after operating in Camden Harbor for 27 years. Jack and Barbara were recognized for their long service to the Camden waterfront. New owner Nicole DeAcevedo Ramos told the group about their plans for operating the Schooner.

Leonard Lookner made a motion to approve the transfer of the Daysailer license for the schooner “Surprise” from Captain Jack and First Mate Barbara Moore to Ramiro and Nicole DeAcevedo Ramos. James Heard seconded the motion. It was unanimously approved.

C. Citizen Comments

There were no citizen comments.

Board Comments:

Don White said that the Midcoast Transit Committee would begin the first phase of their work with service centered in Rockland.

D. Approval of Select Board Minutes dated April 15, 2014

John French made a motion to approve the minutes dated April 15, 2014. Don White seconded the motion. It was unanimously approved

E. Select Board Member Reports

Don White reported the work of the Cemetery Committee as well as the Library Board of Trustees. He said that the Planning Board is considering a zoning request from certain B&Bs to offer dinner to their guests.

Leonard Lookner encouraged citizens to help clean up the roadsides wherever they see trash.

Jim Heard said that the Harbor Committee had considered the transfer of the Schooner Surprise at their most recent meeting.

F. Town Manager Report

Town Manager Pat Finnigan reported on the drug take-back day that the Police Department had participated in the previous Saturday, and added that the Harbormaster is busy preparing for the season.

Finnigan said that the tax due date was May 1st and she thanked the Town Office staff for their work. She also told the group that the Opera House would be showing a film being presented by Camden International Film Festival regarding removal of dams, which Maine was featured.

G. New Business

1) Approval of a new Victualers License for the Owl and Turtle Bookshop located at 33 Bay View Street.

Jim Heard said that the new owners of the Owl and Turtle had opened a cafe in the store and he urged people to visit it.

John French made a motion to approve the Victualers License for Selena and John Sheaves at the Owl & Turtle Bookshop located at 33 Bay View Street. Don White seconded the motion. It was unanimously approved.

2) Approval of Agreement with the Board of Trustees of the First Congregational Church and the Town of Camden to establish the Town's Emergency Operations Center (EOC) at the Church.

The Town Manager said that the Fire Chief, who is the Town's Emergency Management Director, had been working with the Board of Trustees of the First Congregational Church to establish an emergency operations center (EOC) in the church basement (classroom area). The reason for the relocation, she said, was that the Public Safety Building which houses the current EOC, is located in a flood zone. She noted that the church is an ideal location because it is centrally located, easily accessible, not in a flood zone, and it has the necessary back-up power, electrical generator, internet and cell phone access.

Finnigan reported that the Town attorney had drafted a lease agreement with a term of five years which the Church Trustees had approved. She explained that the lease agreement allows the Town to establish an EOC at a \$1 per year charge and is renewable for an additional five years.

Don White made a motion to authorize the Town Manager to enter into a lease agreement with the First Congregational Church located at 55 Elm Street to use a portion of the building for the Emergency Operations Center. James Heard seconded the motion. It was unanimously approved.

3) Bid Award: Upgrades to the Sea Street and Mt. Battie Street Pump Stations, and the Treatment Plant receiving station

Ross Parker, Superintendent of the Wastewater Dept., spoke to the Board about a project to upgrade two lift stations that had been built in 1969. Bids had been received for the work from four companies, he said. Staff is recommending that the contract be awarded to the low bidder, Apex which had been the General Contractor for both the Bayview Pump Station Upgrade and Rawson Avenue Pump Station Upgrade projects.

Leonard Lookner made a motion to award the bid to Apex Construction in the amount of \$511,600 for the Sea Street and Mt. Battie Pump Stations upgrades, and the Treatment Plant receiving station pending approval from the Maine Department of Environmental Protection. Don White seconded the motion. It was unanimously approved.

4) Approval of renewal applications for Master Drainlayers for 2014.

Ross Parker recommended approval of all five Master Drain Layer renewal applications.

John French made a motion to approve the Master Drain Layers' license applications as recommended by the Wastewater Superintendent: Warren Curtis of Camden, Michael Eaton of Hope, Timothy Hall of Northport George Haselton of Rockport, and Richard Nash of Camden. Don White seconded the motion. It was unanimously approved.

Parker then gave an update on the Seabright Dam, saying that they were on track this year to exceed the \$18,000 in revenue that had been collected last year. He also spoke about a cooperative project being conducted by the Watershed School.

5) Confirmation of new Camden Public Library Trustee, Susan Flynn of Camden.

John French made a motion to confirm the appointment of Susan Flynn of Camden as a Camden Public Library Trustee. Leonard Lookner seconded the motion. It was unanimously approved.

6) Approval of the 2014 Annual Town Meeting Warrant

The Town Manager spoke about the candidates and the warrant.

Don White made a motion to approve the Annual Town Meeting Warrant for June 10-11, 2014. James Heard seconded the motion. It was unanimously approved.

7) Countersignature of the annual meeting warrants for the Five Town Community School District Budget Referendum and the Maine School Administrative District #28 Budget Referendum

John French recused himself from this vote because he serves on the Board of the Mid-Coast Technology Board.

Don White made a motion to approve countersigning the school annual meeting warrants. James Heard seconded the motion. It was approved by a vote of 4-0-1 (French abstaining).

8) Designation of the Registrar of Voters' office hours for the upcoming June 10-11, 2014 Annual Town Meeting.

John French made a motion to establish the Registrar of Voters' office hours as the regular business hours of the Town Clerk/Finance Office. James Heard seconded the motion. It was unanimously approved.

9) Confirmation of the Town Clerk's appointment of Election Warden for the June 10-11, 2014 elections.

Finnigan said that the Town Clerk recommended that Board appoint Peter Gross as Election Warden for the June 10 and 11, 2014 School Budget Validation Referendums and the Annual Town Meeting.

Don White made a motion to confirm the Town Clerk's appointment of Peter Gross as Election Warden. James Heard seconded the motion. It was unanimously approved.

H. Select Board Closing Comments

There were no closing comments.

Adjourn

Don White made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Martin Cates seconded the motion. It was unanimously approved and the Board adjourned at 7:15pm.